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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the communication from the Examiner dated March 17, 2004, it is respectfully requested that this response be entered and made of record. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Introductory Comments

Claims 73-75, 83-84 and 98-101 are pending.

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Goodman also only exemplifies the dicot, tobacco to support its disclosures. Monocots are not exemplified. This ultimately resulted in the claims being limited to dicots. For this and other reasons, therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) should be withdrawn.

Based on the foregoing, it is apparent that the instant claims are patentably distinguishable from the cited reference. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application for three months from June 17, 2004 to September 17, 2004. Applicant is a small entity, therefore, please charge Deposit Account Number 26-0084 in the amount of \$475.00 for three months to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted.

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